



2024-2025 Grant Guidelines and Application

The McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation is now accepting applications for projects that fall within any of the following categories. **Projects must clearly meet the intent of one of the following categories to be considered:**

Applications for these programs could include mentoring, off-site visits, fees and/or visiting educators, or early childhood development.

1. New and innovative programs that drive academic success in technical, vocational, or foreign language programs.
2. Programs that promote student engagement, mental health, well-being, and belonging.
3. Programs that promote healthier lifestyles, especially around innovative nutrition.
4. Programs that promote creative thinking and sustainable growth in the arts and music.

How to apply: The application is also available online at [MDEF.org](https://mdef.org). You must answer all questions on the application form and include a detailed budget. Grant proposals must be for no less than \$2,500 and no more than \$25,000. If you are affiliated with the McCall-Donnelly School District, the principal for the students who will be involved in your project must sign your application. Other MDS board of trustee rules and approvals may apply. Consult the district office if you are unsure of these requirements.

All applications must be received by email as a PDF attachment. Hard copies, incomplete applications, applications without required signatures, or late applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be received on or before Friday, March 15, 2024. Send completed applications to: grants@mdef.org.

If you would like the committee to review your project outline, prior to applying, please send an email to grants@mdef.org, or call Erin Roper at 208-315-3595 before Feb. 20, 2024.

Project funding will be determined in May 2024. Funds will be available on June 1, 2024, and must be expended by June 30, 2025. When grant recipients are ready for funds, please send an email with the mailing address to grants@mdef.org.

Variances in expenditures from the original proposal may be granted, but the grant recipient must inform the MDEF prior to proceeding with the variance. MDEF reserves the right to reject the variance



request. Use of excess funds from cost savings must have MDEF approval prior to expenditure. Any unused funds at the end of the 2024-2025 grant cycle, June 30, 2025, must be returned to MDEF.

Grantees will be required to sign a grant acceptance agreement agreeing to the grant award provisions before funds are distributed. These provisions include requirements to give credit to MDEF in all external communications about your program. Interim and final grant reports will be required. Grant recipients must summarize how the funds were spent and provide proof of expenditures. The interim report must be received by January 31, 2025, and a final report must be received by June 30, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the MDEF grant program or the application contact Erin Roper, grants@mdef.org.

For MDEF Use Only	MDEF Grant Application 2024-2025	Score _____
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Applicant name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check the grant category this application represents:

- Innovative Programs for academic success
- Student well-being and mental health
- Healthier lifestyles
- Art, music, and creative thinking

Project Title: _____

1. Brief narrative or summary of the proposed project:



2. How is applicant affiliated with the McCall-Donnelly School District? If not directly affiliated, what grades/age children does your project benefit and in what communities?

3. Why is this project needed? Please share how you anticipate the project will impact students.



4. What are the proposed outcomes of the project and how will they be measured?

5. How is the project innovative and new in its approach to achieving its proposed outcomes?

6. What is the timeline for the project? When would funds be needed?



7. If only partial funding for the project is awarded, how will this affect the project?

8. Explain how the project will continue after the end of this year's grant funding?

9. Tell us why this project is exciting to you — include any additional information you would like us to know about the project.



Applicant's signature

Date

Principal's signature*

Date

*If Applicant is affiliated with the McCall-Donnelly School District, then their principal or superintendent must sign the grant application.



Proposed Project Budget

Budget item descriptions (Itemize)	Funds requested from MDEF	Matching funds provided by other sources (if any)	Total item cost (from all sources)
Totals:	MDEF Funds	Matching Funds	Total Cost

Total grant funds requested from MDEF: \$ _____